



Sustainability Policy

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1. Overview

Bond University's vision is to be a leading private and independent university of world standing.

Bond University values:

- Respect and concern for our students and colleagues
- Truth, inquiry and the pursuit of knowledge
- Excellence in everything Bond does and pride in its achievements
- Effective collaboration and teamwork
- Accountability for performance, actions and learning

In line with its vision and values, Bond University acknowledges that it is accountable for its environmental actions, performance and learning and is committed to the concept and practice of sustainability.

Bond University aims to become a corporate leader in sustainability by establishing policies and practices of natural resource conservation, waste reduction and pollution prevention throughout its operations.

This policy details Bond University's commitment to sustainability and establishes a framework of policies and plans that will allow the University to fulfil its commitments.

2. Definitions

Sustainability, also known as sustainable development, was defined by the World Commission on Environment and Development (1987) as:

“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”

3. The Policy

This policy applies to all Bond University practices including:

- Teaching;
- Research;
- Development and maintenance of the Bond University infrastructure and services;
- Associated administrative and operational support functions;
- Engagement and participation of the Bond University community;
- Engagement of the broader community.

3.1. Commitments

To fulfil its commitment to sustainability, Bond University will:

- 3.1.1.** Introduce policies and practices aimed at developing and promoting an institutional culture of environmental awareness and responsibility across the Bond University community;
- 3.1.2.** Identify and comply with all applicable environmental legislation, regulations; obligations as well as any other environmental commitments to which Bond University subscribes;
- 3.1.3.** Assess the use of natural resources, the quantity of waste produced or pollution emitted as a result of the University's operations and establish policies and practices for reducing or preventing waste and emissions wherever possible;
- 3.1.4.** Consider sustainability in the decision-making process when purchasing goods and designing and maintaining facilities;
- 3.1.5.** Advance and disseminate environmental knowledge and applied environmental management through teaching, research and engagement with the wider community;
- 3.1.6.** Provide necessary resources to fulfil these commitments;
- 3.1.7.** Produce regular reports on progress and implementation and ensure continual improvement.

3.2 Sustainability Framework

To implement the commitments made in this policy, a framework of sustainability management is required. The framework will consist of a sustainability policy, a sustainability management plan and annual action plans or policies as required.

The Sustainability Policy details the University's commitments. The Sustainability Management Plan outlines the objectives for the next five years as well as the associated targets and key performance indicators for each objective. The actions required to achieve the objectives will be described in annual action plans or will be detailed in relevant policies.

An annual report will be provided to the Sustainability Committee by the Office of Facilities Management detailing the progress toward achieving the commitments in the Sustainability Policy and the objectives in the Sustainability Management Plan.

3.3 Responsibilities

Successful implementation of the sustainability framework requires clear identification of the responsibilities and allocation of resources across the University.

The Sustainability Committee is responsible for:

- Developing, reviewing and distributing the Sustainability Policy for the University;
- Preparing and implementing a Sustainability Management Plan;
- Setting objectives and associated KPI's for the Sustainability Management Plan;
- Endorsing the Annual Sustainability Report;

The General Manager, Office of Facilities Management, is responsible for:

- Annual reporting on progress toward achieving the commitments in the Sustainability Policy and the objectives of the Sustainability Management Plan;
- Establishing action plans to achieve targets and associated KPI's as set out in the sustainability management plan;
- Assisting to implement actions from the annual action plan with key stakeholders.

The Vice Chancellor and Senior Management Group are responsible for:

- Approving the Sustainability Policy;
- Approving the Sustainability Management Plan;
- Providing resources to progress the implementation of the Sustainability Policy and Sustainability Management Plan.

All policy and plans must be in accordance with the University's vision, values and strategic plan.

4. Related Procedures

5. Related Guidelines and Forms